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"REFLECTIONS OF NATURE" PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE INTERIOR MUSEUM

An exhibit of photographs by John and Karen Hollingsworth depicting the diversity of life at National Wildlife Refuges opens at the Interior Museum on March 4. The exhibit entitled "Reflections of Nature" includes 30 photographs of birds, mammals, reptiles, plants and insects taken at National Wildlife Refuges in 24 states. An interactive computer with information on the 475 refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service accompanies the exhibit. Refuge maps and brochures will be available for the public.

The Colorado-based photographers gave up careers in engineering and travel to pursue their passion for natural history photography. Over the past six years they visited 400 National Wildlife Refuges to record scenes of nature. The photographs taken on these visits have appeared in natural history magazines and books. Each year the Hollingsworths publish and sell a calendar with extensive information about the refuges. They contribute 50 cents from each sale to the non-profit National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support environmental education and habitat restoration at refuges.

The Hollingsworth's images range from the majestic Desert Bighorn sheep to intricate cobwebs. Their photographs provide intimate views of wildlife in all seasons and in many landscapes. This show informs people about the 90 million acres of lands and waters in the United States set aside to preserve habitat for fish and wildlife species. "Through this exhibit we are providing a glimpse into the National Wildlife Refuge System," the Hollingsworths said. "We have found that each refuge has a character all its own and each visit offers a variety of sights, sounds, and smells. One must be patient, observant, and considerate of these very special areas."

"Reflections of Nature," which has been displayed at many refuges, will remain at the Interior Museum until June 1, 1994. The Museum is on the south end of the first floor of the Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. It is free and open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for federal holidays. Visitors must present some form of photo identification (such as a driver's license, student ID, or employment card) when entering the Interior Building.

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